

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Original) A method of treating a skin disorder caused by an insect bite or sting wherein a composition comprising more than 90% by weight alkanol selected from C₁₋₄ alkane-monools, -diols and -triols and less than 10% by weight water, is applied to the area of skin affected by said disorder, and is retained in contact with the said area of skin for a period in the range 1 minute to 48 hours, whereby the sting or bite is cured.

Claim 2. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the said period is in the range 5 minutes to 6 hours.

Claim 3. (Original) A method according to claim 1 in which a first dose of said composition is retained in contact with the skin for a period in the range 5 minutes to 6 hours and then a second dose of the composition is applied to the said area of skin and is retained in contact with the said area of skin for a further period in the range 5 minutes to 6 hours.

Claim 4. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the composition further comprises a polymeric gelling agent dispersed or dissolved in the alkanol.

Claim 5. (Original) A method according to claim 4 wherein the active sting or bite curing ingredient consists essentially of said alkanol.

Claim 6. (Original) A method according to claim 5 wherein the said active consists essentially only of said alkanol.

Claim 7. (Original) A method according to claim 4 wherein said composition consists essentially only of alkanol, gelling agent and water.

Claim 8. (Original) A method according to claim 1 wherein the alkanol is ethanol.

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Claim 37. (Original) A method of treating a skin disorder by applying to the skin a composition comprising more than 90% by weight of an alkanol selected from isopropanol, n-propanol, mixtures of isopropanol and n-propanol, mixtures of propanol, selected from isopropanol, n-propanol and mixtures thereof, and ethanol in which the ratio of propanol to ethanol is in the range 10:1 to 1:10, a polymeric gelling agent in an amount in the range 0.1 to 10% by weight and less than 10% by weight water.

Claim 38. (Original) A method of treating a skin disorder by applying to the skin a composition comprising more than 90% by weight of an alkanol selected from C₁, C₃ and C₄ alkanols, mixtures thereof and mixtures thereof with ethanol wherein the ratio of (C₁ C₃ and/or C₄ alkanol) : ethanol is in the range 1:10 to 10:1, a polymeric gelling agent in an amount in the range 0.1 to 10% by weight and less than 10% by weight water.